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SUBJECT: RUSSIANS INFORMED OF NEW COMBATANT COMMAND FOR
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Classified By: Minister-Counselor for Political Affairs Alice G. Wells.
Reasons 1.4 (B/D).

(C) We passed reftel information regarding the creation of a new US combatant command for Africa to Oleg Burmistrov, Political-Military Chief in the Foreign Ministry's North America Department on February 8. Burmistrov said Moscow appreciated the information, noting that Russia followed such issues closely, but otherwise had no immediate comment.

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